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House File 605 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 605

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to debating and reviewing legislation to which  
2 a correctional impact statement is attached.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 2.57 Reading of correctional impact  
2 statement prior to debate.

3 When a bill is called up for debate for the first time in  
4 either house, the chief clerk of the house or the secretary  
5 of the senate, shall read any attached correctional impact  
6 statement including any impact of the legislation on  
7 minorities, even if the statement concludes that no impact  
8 could be determined.

9 Sec. 2. Section 216A.133A, subsection 3, Code 2015, is  
10 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Reviewing bills to which a correctional  
12 impact statement was attached and which were enacted during the  
13 previous legislative session.

14 Sec. 3. Section 216A.133A, subsection 5, Code 2015, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 5. a. The board shall report to the general assembly's  
17 standing committees on government oversight all sources of  
18 funding by December 1 of each year.

19 b. The board shall report the findings of the review  
20 conducted pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph "e", to the  
21 standing committees on judiciary and public safety and to the  
22 joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system by  
23 December 1 of each year.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill relates to debating and reviewing legislation to  
28 which a correctional impact statement is attached.

29 When a bill is called up for debate for the first time in  
30 either house, the bill requires the chief clerk of the house  
31 or the secretary of the senate, to read the correctional  
32 impact statement including the impact of the legislation on  
33 minorities, even if the statement concludes that no impact  
34 could be determined.

35 The bill requires the public safety advisory board to review

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1 legislation enacted during the previous legislative session  
2 that contains a correctional impact statement and to report the  
3 findings of the review to the standing committees on judiciary  
4 and public safety and to the joint appropriations subcommittee  
5 on the justice system by December 1 of each year.



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HOUSE FILE 606  
BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 514)  
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 97)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a motor vehicle insurance verification  
2 program, establishing fees, and including penalty and  
3 effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.11, subsection 3, Code 2015, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to the  
4 contrary, the department shall not release personal information  
5 to a person, other than to an officer or employee of a law  
6 enforcement agency, an employee of a federal or state agency  
7 or political subdivision in the performance of the employee's  
8 official duties, a contract employee of the department of  
9 inspections and appeals in the conduct of an investigation, or  
10 a licensed private investigation agency or a licensed security  
11 service or a licensed employee of either, if the information is  
12 requested by the presentation of a registration plate number.  
13 However, the department may release personal information to the  
14 department's designated agent for the purposes of chapter 321B.  
15 In addition, an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency  
16 may release the name, address, and telephone number of a motor  
17 vehicle registrant to a person requesting the information by  
18 the presentation of a registration plate number if the officer  
19 or employee of the law enforcement agency believes that the  
20 release of the information is necessary in the performance of  
21 the officer's or employee's duties.

22 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 321B.1 Short title.

23 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "*Motor*  
24 *Vehicle Insurance Verification Act*".

25 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 321B.2 Definitions.

26 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
27 requires:

28 1. "*Database*" means the motor vehicle insurance verification  
29 database created under this chapter.

30 2. "*Department*" means the department of transportation.

31 3. "*Designated agent*" means the third party with which the  
32 department contracts under section 321B.3.

33 4. "*Financial institution*" means financial institution as  
34 defined in 18 U.S.C. §20.

35 5. "*Motor vehicle*" means motor vehicle as defined in section

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1 321.1.

2 6. "Program" means the motor vehicle insurance verification  
3 program created under this chapter.

4 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 321B.3 Motor vehicle insurance  
5 verification program.

6 1. A motor vehicle insurance verification program is  
7 created within the department to be administered by the  
8 department. The purposes of the program include all of the  
9 following:

10 a. To establish a motor vehicle insurance verification  
11 database to verify compliance with the requirements of section  
12 321.20B.

13 b. To assist in reducing the number of uninsured motor  
14 vehicles on the highways of the state.

15 c. To assist in increasing compliance with motor vehicle  
16 registration requirements and for other law enforcement  
17 purposes.

18 d. To assist in protecting the bona fide security interests  
19 of financial institutions in motor vehicles.

20 2. The department shall contract with a third party to act  
21 as the department's designated agent for administration of this  
22 chapter. The designated agent shall establish and maintain a  
23 computer database containing the following information:

24 a. Information provided by insurers under section 321B.5.

25 b. Information provided by the department under subsection  
26 5.

27 c. Any other information provided by the department pursuant  
28 to this chapter.

29 3. The database shall be developed and maintained in  
30 accordance with guidelines established by the department by  
31 rule to allow authorized state and local law enforcement  
32 agencies and financial institutions to efficiently access the  
33 records of the database, including reports useful for the  
34 implementation of this chapter.

35 a. Database reports shall be in a form and contain

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1 information approved by the department.

2     *b.* Database reports may be made available through the  
3 department's internet site or through other electronic media  
4 if the department determines that sufficient security is  
5 provided to ensure compliance with the provisions of this  
6 chapter regarding limitations on disclosure of information in  
7 the database.

8     4. At least twice monthly, the designated agent shall do the  
9 following, using information provided by the department:

10     *a.* Update the database with motor vehicle insurance  
11 information provided by insurers in accordance with section  
12 321B.5.

13     *b.* Compare all current motor vehicle registrations against  
14 the database.

15     5. On or before the seventh day of each calendar month, the  
16 department shall provide the designated agent with the make,  
17 model, year, and vehicle identification number of each vehicle  
18 in the department's motor vehicle database, and the name and  
19 address of each person listed on each vehicle's registration.

20     6. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with  
21 chapter 17A establishing procedures for using the department's  
22 motor vehicle database for the purposes of administering and  
23 enforcing this chapter.

24     7. *a.* The designated agent shall archive database files at  
25 least semiannually for auditing purposes.

26     *b.* The department shall audit the program at least annually.  
27 The audit shall include verification of:

28         (1) Billings made by the designated agent.

29         (2) The accuracy of the designated agent's matching of  
30 vehicle registration records with insurance data.

31     Sec. 5. **NEW SECTION. 321B.4 Enforcement of financial**  
32 **responsibility requirements — penalty.**

33     1. If records in the database indicate that a registered  
34 motor vehicle is not covered under an owner's policy of  
35 liability insurance for three consecutive months, at the

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1 direction of the department, the designated agent shall provide  
2 notice by first-class mail to the owner of the motor vehicle  
3 that the owner has fifteen days from the date the notice was  
4 mailed to provide one of the following:

5     a. Proof of financial liability coverage as defined in  
6 section 321.1, subsection 24B.

7     b. Proof that the owner is exempt from the requirement to  
8 maintain proof of financial liability coverage under section  
9 321.20B.

10     2. If, after fifteen days, the owner of the motor vehicle  
11 fails to provide satisfactory proof of financial liability  
12 coverage, the designated agent shall provide a second notice  
13 by first-class mail to the owner of the motor vehicle allowing  
14 the owner an additional fifteen days from the date the second  
15 notice was mailed to provide the information requested under  
16 subsection 1.

17     3. a. The designated agent shall update the database  
18 regarding each notice sent to a motor vehicle owner under  
19 subsections 1 and 2, indicating the information provided by the  
20 motor vehicle owner or the owner's failure to provide proof of  
21 financial liability coverage, as applicable.

22     b. If the owner of a motor vehicle provides proof to the  
23 department or the designated agent that the owner's motor  
24 vehicle is covered by an acceptable form of financial liability  
25 coverage described in section 321.1, subsection 24B, paragraph  
26 "b", "c", or "d", the information shall be recorded in the  
27 database.

28     4. a. If the owner of a motor vehicle fails to provide  
29 proof of financial liability coverage following receipt of the  
30 second notice under subsection 2, the designated agent shall  
31 notify the department, and the department shall revoke the  
32 registration of the motor vehicle.

33     b. The department shall provide to the owner of the motor  
34 vehicle appropriate notice of the revocation, order the owner  
35 to surrender the registration plates and registration receipt

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1 for the vehicle to the county treasurer, advise the owner of  
2 the legal consequences of operating a vehicle with revoked  
3 registration and without financial liability coverage, and  
4 instruct the owner on how to reinstate the vehicle registration  
5 once the owner has obtained financial liability coverage for  
6 the vehicle.

7 5. a. A person shall not provide a false or fraudulent  
8 statement to the department or the department's designated  
9 agent in regard to proceedings under this chapter.

10 b. In addition to any other penalties, a person who violates  
11 paragraph "a" is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

12 6. A revocation of registration under this chapter is in  
13 addition to any other penalty imposed by law. This chapter  
14 does not affect other actions or penalties that may be taken or  
15 imposed for a violation of section 321.20B or other law.

16 7. a. A registration that has been revoked under this  
17 section shall not be reinstated and a new registration shall  
18 not be issued to the holder of the revoked registration until  
19 the person does all of the following:

20 (1) Pays to the department an administrative reinstatement  
21 fee of one hundred dollars, in addition to any other penalty  
22 imposed by law.

23 (2) Complies with the requirements of section 321.20B and  
24 this chapter.

25 b. Reinstatement fees collected under this subsection  
26 shall be retained by the department as repayment receipts as  
27 defined in section 8.2 and shall be used exclusively to offset  
28 the costs of administering the program. Fees collected by  
29 the department that are in excess of the amount necessary for  
30 administration of the program shall be transferred to the road  
31 use tax fund annually on June 30.

32 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 321B.5 Motor vehicle insurance  
33 reporting — penalty.

34 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", each insurer  
35 that issues a policy to a motor vehicle owner in this state

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1 that includes motor vehicle liability coverage, uninsured  
2 motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or  
3 personal injury coverage shall, on or before the seventh  
4 and twenty-first days of each calendar month, submit to the  
5 department's designated agent a record of each motor vehicle  
6 insurance policy that was issued by the insurer and in effect  
7 for a vehicle registered or garaged in this state as of the  
8 date of the previous submission.

9     *b.* An insurer is not required to provide a record of a motor  
10 vehicle insurance policy under paragraph "a" if the policy  
11 covers a vehicle that is registered under chapter 326.

12     *c.* This subsection does not preclude more frequent  
13 reporting.

14     2. A record provided by an insurer under subsection 1,  
15 paragraph "a", shall include all of the following:

16     *a.* The name, date of birth, and driver's license number, if  
17 the insured provides a driver's license number to the insurer,  
18 of each insured owner or operator, and the address of the named  
19 insured.

20     *b.* The make, year, and vehicle identification number of each  
21 insured vehicle.

22     *c.* The policy number and effective date of each policy.

23     3. An insurer shall provide the information required under  
24 this section via electronic means or via another means the  
25 designated agent agrees to accept.

26     4. *a.* The department may assess a civil penalty of not more  
27 than two hundred fifty dollars for each day an insurer fails to  
28 comply with this section.

29     *b.* If an insurer shows that the failure to comply with this  
30 section was inadvertent, accidental, or the result of excusable  
31 neglect, the department may waive the civil penalty.

32     *c.* An insurer that discloses records to the department's  
33 designated agent in a reasonable, good-faith effort to comply  
34 with the requirements of this section shall not be subject to a  
35 civil penalty under paragraph "a".

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1     Sec. 7. NEW SECTION.   321B.6   Disclosure of database  
2 information — penalty.

3     1. Information provided to the designated agent and  
4 information contained in the database under this chapter are  
5 confidential. Such information may not be disclosed, except  
6 as follows:

7     a. For the purpose of investigating, litigating, or  
8 enforcing the financial liability coverage requirements  
9 of section 321.20B, the designated agent shall provide an  
10 electronic record to a state or local government agency or  
11 court verifying motor vehicle financial liability coverage  
12 information.

13    b. For the purpose of investigating, litigating, or  
14 enforcing the financial liability coverage requirements of  
15 section 321.20B, the designated agent shall, upon request,  
16 issue to any state or local government agency or court a  
17 certificate documenting motor vehicle financial liability  
18 coverage, according to the database, of a specific individual  
19 or motor vehicle for the time period designated by the  
20 government agency or court.

21    c. Upon request, the department or its designated agent  
22 shall disclose whether an individual is covered under a motor  
23 vehicle insurance policy and the insurance company name to:

24       (1) The individual or, if the individual is deceased,  
25 any person who is an interested party in the estate of the  
26 individual as provided under chapter 633.

27       (2) The parent or legal guardian of the individual if the  
28 individual is an unemancipated minor.

29       (3) The legal guardian of the individual if the individual  
30 is legally incapacitated.

31       (4) A person who has power of attorney for the individual.

32       (5) A person who submits a notarized release from the  
33 individual dated no more than ninety days before the date the  
34 request is made.

35       (6) A person suffering loss or injury in a motor vehicle

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1 accident in which the individual was involved, but only as part  
2 of an accident report as authorized in section 321.271 relating  
3 to access to accident reports.

4     *d.* For the purpose of investigating, enforcing, or  
5 prosecuting laws or issuing citations, information related to a  
6 motor vehicle owner or operator's financial liability coverage  
7 under section 321.20B may be provided to state or local law  
8 enforcement agencies.

9     *e.* Upon request of a peace officer acting in an official  
10 capacity under the provisions of paragraph "`d`", the department  
11 or the designated agent shall, upon request, disclose relevant  
12 information contained in the database.

13     *f.* For the purpose of the state auditor conducting audits  
14 of the program.

15     *g.* Upon request of a financial institution for the purpose  
16 of protecting the financial institution's bona fide security  
17 interest in a motor vehicle.

18     2. *a.* The department may allow the designated agent to  
19 prepare and deliver, upon request, a report on the insurance  
20 information of a person or motor vehicle in accordance with  
21 this section. The report may be in the form of:

22         (1) A certified copy that is considered admissible in any  
23 court proceeding in the same manner as the original.

24         (2) Information accessible through the internet or through  
25 another electronic medium if the department determines that  
26 sufficient security is provided to ensure compliance with this  
27 section.

28     *b.* The department may allow the designated agent to charge a  
29 fee established by the department for each of the following:

30         (1) Authenticating a document, including preparation and  
31 delivery of a certified copy.

32         (2) Accessing a record through the internet or through  
33 another electronic medium.

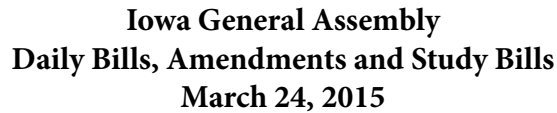
34         (3) Providing a record to a financial institution under  
35 subsection 1, paragraph "`g`".

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1       3. Any person who knowingly releases or discloses  
2 information from the database for a purpose other than those  
3 authorized in this section or to a person who is not entitled  
4 to such information is guilty of a class "D" felony.  
5       4. Neither the state nor the department's designated agent  
6 is liable to any person for gathering, managing, or using the  
7 information in the database in compliance with this chapter.  
8       Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2016.

EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill establishes a motor vehicle insurance verification  
13 program within the department of transportation. The  
14 department is required to contract with a third party to act  
15 as the department's designated agent for administration of the  
16 program.

17 The designated agent is required to establish and maintain a  
18 database containing information from insurers relating to motor  
19 vehicle insurance coverage for registered motor vehicles, motor  
20 vehicle identification information, personal identification  
21 information for registered owners of motor vehicles, and any  
22 other information provided to the designated agent by the  
23 department.

24 At least twice a month, the designated agent shall update the  
25 database and compare current motor vehicle registrations with  
26 updated insurance information. The files in the database shall  
27 be archived semiannually and audited by the department at least  
28 annually. The bill requires the department to adopt rules for  
29 administration of the database.

30 If database records show that a registered motor vehicle  
31 is not covered under an owner's policy of liability insurance  
32 for three months, the designated agent shall send a notice to  
33 the owner requiring the owner to respond within 15 days by  
34 providing proof of financial liability coverage or proof that  
35 the owner is exempt from the requirement to maintain financial

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1 liability coverage. If the owner fails to respond, a second  
2 notice will be sent. If the owner does not respond to the  
3 second notice, the owner's motor vehicle registration will be  
4 revoked by the department and the owner will be required to  
5 surrender the registration plates and registration receipt for  
6 the vehicle to the county treasurer. In order to obtain a  
7 new registration for the vehicle, the owner must comply with  
8 financial responsibility requirements and pay an administrative  
9 fee of \$100. The fees are to be used by the department  
10 exclusively to offset the costs of administering the program.  
11 Any fees in excess of the amount needed for administration of  
12 the program are to be transferred to the road use tax fund  
13 annually on June 30.

14 The bill provides that if a motor vehicle is covered by a  
15 form of financial liability coverage other than an insurance  
16 policy, that fact shall be noted in the database.

17 The bill prohibits a person from providing false or  
18 fraudulent information to the department or the department's  
19 designated agent in relation to the motor vehicle insurance  
20 verification program. A violation is a simple misdemeanor.

21 The bill requires each insurer that issues a policy that  
22 includes motor vehicle liability coverage, uninsured motorist  
23 coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or personal injury  
24 coverage to the owner of a motor vehicle to provide, before the  
25 7th and the 21st of each month, to the department's designated  
26 agent a record of each motor vehicle insurance policy issued by  
27 the insurer and in effect for vehicles registered or garaged in  
28 this state as of the date of the previous submission. Vehicles  
29 subject to apportioned registration are not included in this  
30 requirement. Insurers that fail to comply with the reporting  
31 requirement may be assessed a civil penalty of \$250 per day.  
32 However, the department may waive the penalty upon a showing  
33 that the failure was inadvertent, accidental, or the result  
34 of excusable neglect. An insurer that discloses records to  
35 the department's designated agent in a reasonable, good-faith

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1 effort to comply with the bill is not subject to the penalty.  
2 Information contained in the database is confidential,  
3 but the bill provides exceptions for disclosures to state or  
4 local government agencies and courts for specified purposes;  
5 to individuals and certain other authorized persons; for  
6 purposes of an accident investigation; to law enforcement  
7 agencies and peace officers for certain official purposes;  
8 to the state auditor; and to financial institutions with a  
9 security interest in a motor vehicle. The designated agent  
10 may be authorized to provide certified copies or electronic  
11 records, as appropriate, and to charge a fee for the provision  
12 of records and authentication of documents.  
13 A person who knowingly releases or discloses information  
14 from the database for a purpose other than those authorized in  
15 the bill or to a person who is not entitled to such information  
16 is guilty of a class "D" felony.  
17 The bill provides that the state and the department's  
18 designated agent are not liable to any person for gathering,  
19 managing, or using the information in the database in  
20 compliance with the bill.  
21 The bill provides for an effective date of July 1, 2016.





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House File 607 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 607  
BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 121)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act expanding the definition of a public utility for  
2 purposes of provisions governing public utility crossings  
3 of railroad rights-of-way, and including effective date  
4 provisions.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 476.27, subsection 1, Code 2015, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Od.* *"Electric transmission owner"* means  
4 an individual or entity who owns and maintains electric  
5 transmission facilities including transmission lines, wires, or  
6 cables that are capable of operating at an electric voltage of  
7 thirty-four and one-half kilovolts or greater that are required  
8 for rate-regulated electric utilities, municipal electric  
9 utilities, and rural electric cooperatives in this state to  
10 provide electric service to the public for compensation.

11 Sec. 2. Section 476.27, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code  
12 2015, is amended to read as follows:

13 *e.* *"Public utility"* means a public utility as defined in  
14 section 476.1, except that, for purposes of this section,  
15 *"public utility"* also includes all mutual telephone companies,  
16 municipally owned facilities, unincorporated villages,  
17 waterworks, municipally owned waterworks, joint water  
18 utilities, rural water districts incorporated under chapter  
19 357A or 504, cooperative water associations, franchise cable  
20 television operators, ~~and~~ persons furnishing electricity  
21 to five or fewer persons, and electric transmission owners  
22 primarily providing service to public utilities as defined in  
23 section 476.1.

24 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
25 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill expands the definition of "public utility" for  
30 purposes of provisions governing public utility crossings of  
31 railroad rights-of-way to include electric transmission owners  
32 primarily providing service to public utilities as defined in  
33 Code section 476.1. The bill defines an "electric transmission  
34 owner" to mean an individual or entity who owns and maintains  
35 electric transmission facilities including transmission

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1 lines, wires, or cables that are capable of operating at an  
2 electric voltage of 34.5 kilovolts or greater that are required  
3 for rate-regulated electric utilities, municipal electric  
4 utilities, and rural electric cooperatives in this state to  
5 provide electric service to the public for compensation.

6 Provisions governing public utility crossings of railroad  
7 rights-of-way, which shall now encompass electronic  
8 transmission owners, include rules adopted by the Iowa  
9 utilities board in consultation with the department of  
10 transportation addressing notification required prior to the  
11 commencement of any crossing activity, a requirement that the  
12 railroad and the public utility each maintain and repair the  
13 person's own property within the railroad right-of-way and bear  
14 responsibility for each person's own acts and omissions, the  
15 amount and scope of insurance or self-insurance required to  
16 cover risks associated with a crossing, a procedure to address  
17 the payment of costs associated with the relocation of public  
18 utility facilities within the railroad right-of-way necessary  
19 to accommodate railroad operations, terms and conditions for  
20 securing the payment of any damages by the public utility  
21 before it proceeds with a crossing, access to a crossing for  
22 repair and maintenance of existing facilities in case of  
23 emergency, and engineering standards for utility facilities  
24 crossing railroad rights-of-way.

25 Additionally, unless otherwise agreed by the parties or  
26 regarded as a special circumstance entitled to relief, a  
27 public utility that locates its facilities within a railroad  
28 right-of-way for a crossing, other than a crossing along the  
29 public roads of the state pursuant to Code chapter 477, shall  
30 pay a railroad a one-time standard crossing fee of \$750 in  
31 lieu of any license or other fees or charges to reimburse the  
32 railroad for the direct expenses incurred by the railroad as a  
33 result of the crossing.

34 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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**House Resolution 24 - Introduced**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SMITH and KAUFMANN

1 A Resolution recognizing the Hoover Uncommon Public  
2 Service Award winner for 2015, Representative Helen  
3 Miller.

4 WHEREAS, Herbert Hoover was both a visionary and  
5 dedicated public servant and through his tireless  
6 efforts millions of lives were saved in the years after  
7 World War I; and

8 WHEREAS, to honor that spirit of public service the  
9 Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association has  
10 created the Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award; and

11 WHEREAS, the association annually presents  
12 the Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award to Iowa  
13 legislators who exemplify President Hoover's  
14 humanitarian efforts and have gone above and beyond  
15 the call of duty to demonstrate uncommon service and  
16 commitment to the people of Iowa; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2015, the association awarded the  
18 ninth annual Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award to  
19 Representative Helen Miller of Fort Dodge, Iowa; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Helen Miller is committed to  
21 the constituents in her district and works for the best  
22 interests of those she represents; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
24 That the House of Representatives thanks the Herbert  
25 Hoover Presidential Library Association for the  
26 creation of the Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award  
27 and congratulates Representative Miller on receiving  
28 the 2015 award.



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**House Resolution 25 - Introduced**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SMITH, GASKILL, ISENHART, HUNTER, STUTSMAN,  
MASCHER, WINCKLER, LENSING, THEDE, H. MILLER,  
HANSON, STAED, ANDERSON, McCONKEY, OURTH, KEARNS,  
ABDUL-SAMAD, STECKMAN, OLSON, LYKAM, GAINES,  
BROWN-POWERS, KRESSIG, WESSEL-KROESCHELL,  
FINKENAUER, PRICHARD, COHOON, BEARINGER, WOLFE, and  
KELLEY

1 A Resolution commemorating the sesquicentennial of the  
2 conclusion of the American Civil War.

3 WHEREAS, the Civil War was a defining moment in  
4 our nation's history, as the Union was preserved and  
5 slavery abolished; and

6 WHEREAS, at the order of President Abraham Lincoln,  
7 the State of Iowa mustered the 1st Regiment Iowa  
8 Volunteer Infantry for service in May 1861, to be part  
9 of the Army of the West; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 70 percent of adult white  
11 males in Iowa served in local militias, home guards, or  
12 the Army or Navy of the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, African Americans from Iowa also served the  
14 Union cause by forming the 1st Iowa African Infantry,  
15 later reorganized by the United States Army as the 60th  
16 Regiment United States Colored Troops; and

17 WHEREAS, by the end of the Civil War, Iowa had  
18 raised 52 units; and

19 WHEREAS, for many Iowans in the Civil War their  
20 baptism under fire came at Wilson's Creek, on a sultry  
21 August day in 1861; and

22 WHEREAS, Iowa's volunteer regiments fought in



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1 many battles and sieges in the Mississippi River  
2 valley area, including those at Shiloh and Vicksburg,  
3 and participated in many lesser-known engagements  
4 in Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and  
5 Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, following the capture of Vicksburg, most  
7 Iowa regiments were shifted east, and many fought under  
8 Major General William Tecumseh Sherman at Atlanta in  
9 the summer of 1864 and later joined his famous March  
10 to the Sea; and

11 WHEREAS, Union forces claimed important military  
12 victories in Virginia in the Richmond-Petersburg  
13 Campaign, from June 9, 1864, through March 25, 1865,  
14 and in the Appomattox Campaign, from March 29, 1865,  
15 through April 9, 1865; and

16 WHEREAS, on the afternoon of April 9, 1865, General  
17 Robert E. Lee, commander of the Army of Northern  
18 Virginia, met with Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant,  
19 commander of the Army of the Potomac, at the home of  
20 Wilmer McLean in the community of Appomattox Court  
21 House, Virginia, to discuss terms of surrender for the  
22 Army of Northern Virginia; and

23 WHEREAS, the events of April 9, 1865, effectively  
24 ended the military campaign in Virginia and signaled  
25 the conclusion of the Civil War; and

26 WHEREAS, many Iowa regiments would later march in  
27 the Grand Review of the Armies in Washington, D.C., in  
28 May 1865, following the victorious end of the war; NOW  
29 THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

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1 That the House of Representatives today honors the  
2 lives and contributions of all Iowans who labored and  
3 fought to preserve the Union and those who, following  
4 such service, continued to serve the State of Iowa and  
5 the United States of America at the conclusion of the  
6 American Civil War.